Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 14 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 15 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 13 Mar 2021 at 15:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for Sunday and Monday, but low for northern extent of rain and snow on Sunday. Moderate from Tuesday with uncertainty in timing of rain clearing on Tuesday and cloud amounts thereafter.

Headline for Sunday 14 Mar 2021: Cold with strong winds. Rain and snow spreading east.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Sleet	Sleet	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	30%	40%	60%	60%	20%	20%

Forecast for Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Weather: Scattered showers in the early hours, snow above 450-500m. Showers less frequent after dawn with bright or sunny spells across the far north. Thicker cloud soon brings rain, snow above 600m into the west coast mainly from Assynt southwards, with snow confined to above 800-900m in the afternoon. Drier in the evening with a few showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70-80% in the north. 60% soon falling to nil in the south.

Visibility: Very good or excellent north of Assynt with cloud above the summits. Variable around dawn further south with patchy broken cloud mainly above 600m, but soon falling poor as cloud becomes extensive above 500m, occasionally lower along the west coast. Cloud tending to break up through the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	36/45 NW	39/49 NW	36/46 W	31/40 W	24/32 W	20/28 W	21/28 NW	22/29 NW	21/28 NW
900	34/43 NW	37/47 NW	35/44 W	29/39 W	23/31 W	19/27 W	20/27 NW	21/28 NW	20/27 NW
600	23/32 NW	25/35 W	23/33 W	20/29 W	17/25 W	15/22 W	14/21 NW	13/21 NW	12/19 NW
300	9/33 NW	10/36 NW	9/33 W	8/28 W	7/24 W	6/21 W	6/20 NW	5/20 NW	5/19 NW
Glen	14/28 W	15/29 W	13/26 W	11/22 W	10/20 W	9/17 W	8/17 NW	7/17 NW	6/14 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9
900	-2/-11	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8
600	0/-7	-0/-7	0/-7	1/-6	1/-5	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4
300	2/-1	2/-2	2/-1	3/-0	3/0	4/1	3/1	3/0	3/0
Glen	5/1	5/0	5/1	5/2	6/2	6/3	6/3	6/3	5/3
Freezing Level*	600m	500m	500m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold in strong winds. Wintery conditions persisting at height. Note freezing level rising to 1000m across the Cuillins and ranges further south in the afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 15 Mar 2021

Weather: Largely dry but rather cloudy, a few bright or sunny spells at times. Cloud thickens from the west at the end of the day with outbreaks of rain spreading east in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 20-25 mph, easing through the day. South 5-10 mph by late afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% through daylight hours, falling to nil late evening.

Visibility: Generally very good through daylight hours, cloud bases mostly above the summits, perhaps some patchy cloud lowering onto the higher tops at times in the morning. Extensive cloud lowering to 400m in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700-800m, rising to 1000m across southwest in the afternoon. Above the summits for all ranges in the evening.

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